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Youth Advisory Council

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The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to the President of the European Economic and Social Committee is a pivotal initiative aimed at integrating young people into leadership roles within the EU.

The primary purpose of the Youth Advisory Council is to **provide the President of the EESC with informed, youth-centric advice** on issues they consider should be addressed and linked to the President's priorities. This body supports the President in identifying work priorities and making strategic recommendations, particularly on matters where the youth perspective is critical, ensuring a meaningful and effective participation of young people in the decision-making process at a European level.

In its advisory role, the Council amplifies **the voice of the youth and ensures that the opinions and aspirations of young people are effectively incorporated into the President's political orientations**. This initiative is a response to the growing recognition of the importance of youth participation in governance and aligns with broader European and global trends towards more inclusive policymaking.

Meet the members of the Youth Advisory Council

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Employment, local youth

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Mental health, human rights

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